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Dear Lawrence School Principal;

Groundwork Lawrence is a non-profit here in Lawrence focused on reclaiming open space and building parks, connecting people to fresh and locally-grown food, coordinating volunteer events to keep our community clean, and raising residents’ awareness about environmental issues our community faces. On behalf of the City of Lawrence, GWL has been collecting community input for the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan, which is a public document that helps the City prioritize its investments in existing and new open spaces and recreational amenities citywide. We are contracted by the City of Lawrence Community Development Department to renew the 2004 Plan, and so I am asking for some help in reaching Lawrence residents-especially students and their families. First, here are a few items about the Open Space Plan:

What is an Open Space Plan?
- City’s “road map” for open space conservation, acquisition, and improvements;
- Includes parks, recreational facilities, vacant lots and alleyways, and natural areas;
- Must be updated every 5 years and submitted to MA Division of Conservation Services;
- Approved plan allows the city to apply for state and federal grants, e.g., PARC (formerly the Urban Self Help program)
- Plan includes inventory and analysis, community needs/goals, 5-year action plan

What kind of open space do we have in Lawrence?
- 39 parks and schoolyards across the city (40 as of fall 2009);
- 270 acres of open space, equivalent to 3.7 acres per 1,000 people; by contrast, Boston has 9.3 acres per 1,000 people (and has a much higher population density);
- Majority of open space is owned and maintained by the city; several parks are owned and managed by the State (Mass. DCR);
- Open space amenities in Lawrence include recreational fields and playgrounds, historic parks and monuments, boating, swimming pools, rock climbing, a skate park, community gardens, and nature trails.

How Groundwork is creating the 2009 Open Space Plan
- Community meetings-3 have already taken place in October
- Resident Surveys-attached to this letter or found at www.groundworklawrence.org
- Presentations to City Boards (Planning Board, Conservation Commission, etc.)
- Interviews with City Officials
- We also accept formal letters from individuals, officials and organizations, and these will be added to the document.

We’d greatly appreciate your willingness to distribute the attached survey to your teachers who could in turn distribute them to their students who live in Lawrence. Please call my project manager, Kathryn Prybylski, with any questions. Thank you for your attention.

Kate O’Brien
Executive Director
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